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## Memorandum

TO: Commission DATE: May 25, 2011

FR: Executive Director W. I.

RE: Station Area and Land Use Planning Grant Follow-up – Fremont Warm Springs

The Programming and Allocations Committee referred MTC Resolutions Nos. 3723, Revised and 3925, Revised, the Station Area and Land Use Planning Grants, with the inclusion of \$276,000 to the City of Fremont for the South Fremont/Warm Springs station area plan. The Committee asked that staff provide additional detail on the scope for the \$276,000 grant, since it is lower than the original request by the City of Fremont. Following is a summary of the draft scope based on discussion with City of Fremont staff.

The station area and land use planning grant funds will be used to (a) supplement Fremont's Economic Development Administration grant to assess economic development potential and identify land use alternatives and (b) assess potential environmental impacts, including an auto marshalling rail yard, which is one of the potential uses Union Pacific (UP) has identified for their site west of the BART station. The table below outlines tasks and deliverables anticipated through the process.

| Task                    | Deliverable  |
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| Economics & Market      | Strategic economic plan outlining new development & reuse potential  |
| Analysis                | in the study area  |
| Land Use Alternatives   | Plans and diagrams illustrating three land use alternatives          |
| Transportation Analysis | Transportation system and opportunities & constraints maps and trip  |
|                         | generation details for all three land use alternatives               |
| Financial Analysis      | Infrastructure cost report, fiscal impact, financing strategies, and |
|                         | employment assessment for all three land use alternatives            |
| Environmental Analysis  | Air quality analysis for auto marshalling rail yard as well as       |
|                         | assessment of other environmental considerations in the project area |

MTC and ABAG staff will be participating in and overseeing the station area planning process. UP local staff, as well as UP headquarters planning staff is expected to participate in the overall process as well. Fremont staff expects to complete the planning process outlined above by this December and hopes to select a preferred alternative by early 2012.

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